

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to entry of this Amendment, claims 1-29, 31-39, and 41-48 were pending in the application.

Independent claims 1, 15, 29, and 39 are amended to include allowable subject matter of dependent claims 5, 22, 31, and 44, respectively. Claims 5, 22, 31, and 44 are cancelled. Claims 23, 32, and 33 are amended to correct claim dependencies after cancelling claims 22 and 31.

New claims 49-55 are added to present allowable dependent claims in independent form.

After entry of the Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-21, 23-29, 32-39, 41-43, and 45-55 remain for consideration by the Examiner.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

In the June 13, 2006 Office Action, claims 5, 8, 9, 19, 22, 23, 31-38, 41 and 44 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 5 is rewritten in independent form by amending claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5, and claim 5 is cancelled. As a result, claim 1 and claims 2-4 and 6-14, which depend from claim 1, are believed in condition for allowance.

To rewrite claim 22 in independent form, base claim 15 is amended to include the limitations of claim 22, and claim 22 is cancelled. After entry of the amendment, independent claim 15 and claims 16-21 and 23-28, which depend from claim 15, are believed in condition for allowance.

Claim 31 is rewritten in independent form by including its limitations in base claim 29, and claim 31 is cancelled. As a result, independent claim 29 and claims 32-38, which depend from claim 29, are believed in condition for allowance.

To rewrite allowable claim 34 in independent form, new independent claim 49 is presented that includes all the limitations of base claim 29 and claim 34. New claims 50-52 that depend from claim 49 are also presented.

New independent claim 53 is provided to present allowable dependent claim 37 in independent form. Likewise, new independent claim 54 is provided to present allowable dependent claim 38 in independent form.

New independent claim 55 is provided to present allowable dependent claim 41 in independent form.

Claim 39 is amended to include the limitations of claim 44, and claim 44 is cancelled. As a result, claim 39 and claims 41-43 and 45-48, which depend from claim 39, are believed in condition for allowance.

**Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

In the June 13, 2006 Office Action, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10-18, 20, 21, 24-29, 39, 42, 43, and 45-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over <http://www.w3.org/TR/NOTE-gdiff-19970901> ("Gdiff").

Independent claims 1, 15, 29, and 39 have been amended to include limitations of dependent claims that the Examiner found contained subject matter allowable over Gdiff. Hence, claims 1, 15, 29, and 39 and claims 2-4, 6, 7, 10-14, 16-18, 20, 21, 24-28, 42, 43, and 45-48, which depend from claims 1, 15, 29, and 39, are now believed to be allowable over Gdiff.

**Conclusions**

Based on the claim amendments and the above remarks, it is requested that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The fee associated with additional claims is provided with the filing of this Amendment via EFS-Web. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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